

BLUE NEWS FROM THE BLUE FIELD LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

NEW LONDON COUNTY

OLD MYSTIC
Union Services—Received Invitations to Golden Wedding.

Union services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening. The Baptist pastor, the Rev. Jephtha M. Olmstead, had charge of the services.

There were no Sunday sessions of Sunday schools in either church, by order of the board of Christian Education.

The Junior League was not in session, by order of the health officer.

Public Schools Still Closed.

The public schools are closed this week, as Dr. Congdon deemed it best not to run any risks, although there are no new cases of the scarlet fever.

Married Half a Century.

Old Mystic relatives and friends have received invitations to the golden anniversary of Mrs. Moses J. Colver, at their home in Center Groton, Jan. 25, from 11 until 1 o'clock.

Funerals.

Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell and two daughters, formerly of Vantage and now of Westfield, were over Sunday guests of Mr. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell.

Dr. and Mrs. Edw. C. Chapman of New London were recently calling on Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Crumb.

Miss Anna Chapman has returned to the business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Alonzo Chapman.

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis.

Mrs. Annie M. Brown, who was struck by a stroke of paralysis early in the week and there is not much change in her condition.

Miss Arlene Brown is suffering from illness.

Mrs. Charles H. Briggs of Denison avenue, Mystic, is the guest this week of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stevenson of Boston.

Miss Anna Turner Burrows has returned to Riverhead military school at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after an 18 days' absence, spent at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burrows.

John Brenton Copp returned Tuesday afternoon from a two weeks' visit to New York City.

Edward Campbell is ill with rheumatic fever.

Rev. Benjamin M. Denniston returned Monday to Wesleyan university, Middletown, after spending the holidays with the Methodist parsonage in this town. Denniston and their young son, Master Harold Denniston.

Miss Alice Edgemon of New London was a recent guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Boss.

11 to 14-inch ice.

Edward Lamphere and son have filled their cellar with ice from 11 to 14 inches in thickness.

Mr. Harry Watrous returned to his home at Burnsville, Conn., Wednesday evening after a six months' visit to relatives in New York.

Miss Margaret Bidloose is the guest this week of Dr. Clara McGuigan of Philadelphia.

11 with scarlet fever.

Thelma Spofford, only child of Capt. and Mrs. John E. Spofford of Brooklyn, N. Y., and grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spofford of Hartford, is very ill with scarlet fever.

Miss Elizabeth Bentley has returned to Port Chester, N. Y., after spending the Christmas vacation at Whitehall.

Stephen Larkin, who moved his household goods and family from the upper part in Matthews' house to the upper part in the new house at Burnsville, Conn., Wednesday evening after a six months' visit to relatives in New York.

Miss Lillian Peniston (Chapman) of Burnsville was the guest Tuesday of Mrs. Mattie Holloway and Mrs. Isabel Nell at the Holloway home.

Miss Cassie Lamphere of Mystic is visiting her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gates and daughter Mildred of Providence.

William Stark of Ledyard was calling Wednesday on his son, John William Stark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Williams were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tingley of Norwich.

Harvesting.

Wilfred E. Harpington is reaping a fine harvest of ice having already filled his house. Mr. Brown and a son of men from Burnsville, Conn., have been harvesting Mr. Brown's father-in-law, Edward Spickard of Groton borough.

Albert A. Haley was calling Monday on relatives at Shewell.

Left Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Elsie C. Dade who underwent a successful operation at the Memorial Hospital, New London, was able to leave the hospital Saturday last and was the guest of relatives in that city.

Mrs. Harry Freeman Hanks is ill with a grip.

Mrs. James Eldridge is slowly recovering from a grip attack.

Zachariah H. Ledyard was a local caller Wednesday.

Attended Masonic Service.

Charles Q. Eldridge of Riverview attended with the other members of the Mystic lodge, the services at the Methodist Episcopal church, Mystic, last Sunday morning.

Rev. M. S. Stocking will occupy the pulpit of the local Methodist church next Sunday evening and evening and will administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the close of the morning service.

BETHEL

Hen Lays Mammoth Eggs.

The Bethel school which has been closed for the past term, is to be reopened as soon as a teacher can be secured.

Mrs. Dora Barber has a remarkable hen, which lays a very large egg, size 6-1-4 by 7-7-8.

T. C. Wilbur called at the parsonage on Tuesday.

There is to be a meeting of the trustees of the Bethel M. E. church this (Saturday) afternoon at the parsonage.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS

C. H. Barber attended the State Grange meeting in Hartford this week. John Watson, a veteran of the civil war, is visiting at the home of Mr. Barber. He has been away for the past two years.

Edith Green, a veteran of the civil war, is very feeble, and is confined to the house most of the time.

James Downing has moved his saw-mill from the Wilcox lot to the Tarbox lot in Plainfield.

Constance Perkins has been ill the past week.

LEBANON

Rev. Dr. Kneeland at Congregational Church—Sunday School Election—Annual Church Meeting.

Rev. Dr. Martin D. Kneeland, general secretary of the New England protective league, addressed a moderate-sized audience in the First Congregational church last Sunday evening. The evening was unannounced and the audience was smaller, perhaps, than it otherwise would have been. Those present were much interested in the speaker's address.

The Sunday school officers chosen for the first Sunday in this month were: Fred N. Taylor, superintendent; Nathaniel Manning, assistant superintendent; J. L. Taylor, treasurer; Virginia Loomis, secretary; Mrs. Chas. B. Lamb, organist; Armistead Burwell, librarian.

Church Elects Officers.

The annual meeting of the members of the First Congregational church was held on Sunday evening, Jan. 5, at which time the reports from the various church organizations were given, showing a good degree of work and progress in the various lines of church activities. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: E. L. Danielson, secretary; Nathaniel Manning, treasurer; J. W. Stark, Fred N. Taylor, George W. Loomis, trustees; Miss Rose Standish, Miss Mary E. Brown, Miss Mary E. Brown, church committee; Mr. Howland, Fred N. Taylor and F. P. Fowler, the church officers.

Miss Estelle Robinson, Mrs. C. P. Kins, Mrs. C. S. Meach, Mrs. James M. Peniston and Mrs. Howland were present.

This has been a splendid week for farmers to till their fields. The ice is of good quality and plenty of it.

Epidemic of Grip.

There is an epidemic of hard colds in this vicinity, but it does seem to take the form of grip.

The Christmas exercises, which were postponed on account of the severity of the weather, finally came off last evening at the Methodist Episcopal church. The exercises were beautifully trimmed and decorated, the attendance was large and the exercises were greatly enjoyed.

OAKDALE.

Annual Meeting and Rollcall of Congregational Church—Punctual Pupils Receive Prizes.

The annual meeting and rollcall of the Congregational church was held in the chapel Friday, Jan. 5. Rev. H. T. Arnold, pastor, presided at the meeting, which was held in the chapel. The meeting was held in the chapel. The meeting was held in the chapel.

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Local Pastor Addresses State Grange—Delayed School Money Promised—Wolf Seen.

"The needs of the country town" was the subject of an address by Rev. W. F. White at the state grange meeting in Hartford on Tuesday and Wednesday. Rev. White is in demand as a speaker, being frequently called out of town.

Charles Bogue, who has been very ill with the measles, having had a relapse, is somewhat improved.

Miss Grace Holder presided at the organ in the absence of Miss Grace Lyon. The young ladies' choir led the singing. Edward Smith, Mark Furber and Charles Osborn received each a book at the Bible school session for perfect attendance during 1909.

The pleasant Sunday evening hour opened with a ten minute song service, conducted by the choir, and followed by the young people's meeting, conducted by Miss Mary E. Brown.

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MONTVILLE.

News of the Union Baptist Church—Other Matters.

Mrs. Arabella Lattimer has returned from a visit with relatives in New York.

Miss Rose Charland left Wednesday evening for New York, where she will make her home with her father, Peter Charland, a resident of that town for some years.

Charles Bogue has filled his ice house with best quality twelve inch ice.

Religious Interests.

Rev. George C. Chappell spoke on "The Founder and Finisher of the Temple," Sunday morning, at the Union Baptist church, and gave a brief Bible talk to the Bible school.

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